HF Happenings

JOTI/JOTA – The 21st Century Scout Jamboree

Sutton Coldfield is internationally famous for being the site of the 1957 World Scout Jamboree (the 9th also known as the Jubilee Jamboree) in Sutton Park. 33 000 Scouts from 85 countries camped in Sutton Park for 12 days with an additional 17 000 British Scouts camping on other organised sites spread over a 15 mile radius from Sutton Park and attended the daily organised events. 50 000 scouts descended on Sutton Coldfield with a further 7 000 being bussed in from all over Britain for daylong visits to Sutton Coldfield.

During this Jubilee Jamboree, Scout leader and radio amateur Les Mitchell, G3BHK, announced his idea of the Jamboree on the Air allowing Scouts worldwide who were unable to attend, to experience the event over the radio and to hold annual radio jamborees.

Sutton Coldfield councillor Anne Underwood, Chairman of the Sutton Coldfield District and Senior Councillor, was at the 1957 Jamboree. "It was an experience I will never forget," said the long-serving councillor for Four Oaks, "and it was wonderful to have been at this memorable event. Experiences like that, as a young person, stay with you for a lifetime."

On 17 October 2015, Sutton Coldfield's Scouts are doing it all over again but 21st century style using the internet and amateur radio to link up with other Scouts from all over the world at Our Place Community Hub in Farthing lane, Sutton Coldfield.

The JOTA and JOTI is an annual event in which about half a million scouts from all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio and the internet. Short wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world.

"It`s the sheer excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout at some other place in the world" said Assistant District Commissioner Adam Hodson, M3HOD, who is also an amateur radio enthusiast, "that attracts so many young people to this event. It is a real Scout Jamboree during which scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas shared. It's a unique opportunity for each individual scout to get the real feeling of belonging to a world-wide movement."

SU8JOTA, the 58th Jamboree on the Air from Cairo

The Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society (ERASD) will be celebrating the 58th Jamboree on the Air JOTA from the Cairo International Scout Centre. The amateur radio station SU8JOTA will be active on the HF Bands during the JOTA event from 16 to 18 October 2015. Activity will be on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres and near the World Scout SSB, CW and RTTY frequencies.

We are looking forward to work all Jamboree stations and many Radio Amateurs stations from all over the world.

Important news - any station confirming a QSO with SU8JOTA during the 58th Jamboree on the Air event will get the

"Pyramids Merit Award" free. SU0AWARD information is on www.qrz.com. QSL direct via SM5AQD and more information is on the ERASD Facebook page at www.facebook.com/erasdnet

The ZS4 Sprint

The committee received 16 logs for the ZS4 Sprint run on Sunday 7 June 2015.

1st Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 145 points
2nd Warren Reilly, ZS4W, 122 points
3rd Johan van Zilj, ZS4DZ, 107 points
4th OTL Radio Club, ZS6OTL, 62 points
5th Mitchel Mynhardt, ZS6YH, 56 points
6th Werner Zwiegelaar, ZR1WZ, 54 points
7th Bradley Glen, ZS5BG, 53 points
8th Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 51 points
9th Francois Reynecke, ZS6FDX, 48 points
10th Frederic de Beer, ZS6DF, 46 points
11th Frans Durand, ZS4FD, 36 points
12th Stephan van Jaarsveld, ZS6SVJ, 27 points
13th Christi Grobelaar, ZS4CGR/6, and Etienne Naude, ZS6EFN, 26 points each
15th Geoff Levey, ZS6C, 22 points
16th Sasolburg RC, ZS4SRK, 20 points

SARL QRP Contest

The committee received 12 logs for the SARL QRP Contest held on Saturday 3 October.

1st West Rand ARC, ZS6WR, 516 points
2nd Hammies ARC, ZS6ZU, 420 points
3rd Andre Botes, ZS2ACP, 384 points
4th Pretoria ARC, ZS6PTA, 328 points
5th Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ, 310 points
6th Michelle McNally, ZS6MEM, 300 points
7th Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ, 288 points
8th Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 81 points
9th Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 64 points
10th Dave Higgs, ZS2DH, 60 points
11th Brian Best, ZS5SB, 12 points
12th Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ, 8 points

Combined results for the four QRP Contests

1st West Rand ARC, ZS6WR, 2 600 points

2nd Rudi Venter, ZS6DX, 1 911 points
3rd Hammies ARC, ZS6ZU, 1 134 points
4th Pretoria ARC, ZS6PTA, 1 048 points
5th Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ, 713 points
6th Andre Botes, ZS2ACP, 384 points
7th Theo Bresselaar, ZS6TVB, 338 points
8th Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ, 310 points
9th Michelle McNally, ZS6MEM, 300 points
10th Andre le Roux, ZS2AL, 273 points
11th Port Elizabeth ARS, ZS2PE, 189 points
12th Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, 141 points
13th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 120 points
14th Heather Holland, ZS6YE, 75 points
15th Brian ZS6BV, 72 points
16th Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 64 points
17th Dave Higgs, ZS2DH, and Dennis Green, ZS4BS, 60 points each
19th Stephan van Jaarsveldt, 18 points
20th Brian Best, ZS5SB, 12 points

21st Pieter Jacobs, V51PJ, and Jan Gelder-blom, ZS6JHG, 8 points each

DXCC News

Sharon Taratula, Awards Manager at the ARRL Radiosport Department, reports that the TX3X, Chesterfield Islands, 2015 operation and the ZA1KS, Albania, 2015 operation have been approved for DXCC credit.

Redefined Q-Code Born to Make Traffic Smooth and Mark Lost Souls

News release from the Vatican City, 11 October 2015.

What a wonderful occasion it was when DXers in Italy gathered in Rome to celebrate a new Q-code, to get together for a fun evening and to work hard on a DX University paper and questionnaire relating to TX3X due for release soon. In addition, Martti, OH2BH was honoured to activate HV0A on both days of the weekend.

See www.ariroma.it/wp/?p=2567.

A redefined Q-code (QTX) is promoted to communicate the state of affairs clearly from both ends of the DXpedition circuit. The approach was renamed, "DX Chase: It Takes Two to Tango".

The new meaning of QTX

When a DXpedition operator clearly spells out a call sign and a number, it simply means that a targeted station should stop transmitting for a specified time period, say 1 hour and then come back with a retuned method and mind. Alternatively, a DXer can send QTX with band and time to a pilot station indicating that a specific DXpedition operator's efficiency and throughput - the rate, that is - has reached a point where the DXpedition operator cannot handle the task at hand, so much so that it all results in a chaotic situation. The DXpedition management folks should then act accordingly to deal with this unfortunate operator.

The original definition of QTX

This is the original definition of QTX: Will you keep your station open for further communication with me until further notice (or until.... hours)?

I will keep my station open for further communication with you until further notice (or until....hours).

The new QTX code was released on exactly the same hour at the ARI DX summit in Rome, Italy and the RSGB Convention in the UK.

The future of the Radio Society of Great Britain's IOTA Programme

Press release dated 10 October. Islands on the Air (IOTA) celebrated its 50th anniversary as a premier DX program in July 2014. The last fifty years have seen the program grow to 2 500 active island chasers and approximately 15 000 more casual participants. It is perhaps second in scale and scope to the DXCC award; indeed, many would argue it is even more challenging than that programme.

Last year the RSGB Board identified a number of challenges that the programme faced, not least of which was the need to provide an IT system that would allow online island credit submission akin to Logbook of the World (LoTW). Since that time, a small group of IOTA enthusiasts has been working with the Society to ensure that the IOTA programme continues to grow and play the prominent role that it has done in Amateur Radio DXing and contest activity for the last fifty years.

That work has now come to fruition and we are pleased to announce that a new organization will be formed, to be called the IOTA Foundation. It will be run by IOTA enthusiasts and will manage the IOTA programme in partnership with the Society. One major task for the new organization will be to develop a new online credit system that is due to be completed in 2017.

Roger Balister, G3KMA, Bob Barden, MD0CCE, Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC, and Johan Willemsen, PA3EXX, are the team who will

implement the IT changes and form the IOTA Foundation, with representation from radio amateurs at home and abroad.

Heather Parsons, RSGB Communications Manager

United Nations

4U1UN. In celebration of the United Nations' 70th anniversary, the UN HQ Amateur Radio Club will be active as 4U70UN on 24 and 25 October, the CQ WW DX SSB Contest weekend. QSL via HB9BOU, direct, bureau and LoTW. More details are expected to be published on www.4u1un.net.

Austria, OE. The Vienna International Amateur Radio Club (Austria for DXCC, but a separate counter for the CQ DX Marathon and the CQ WW DX Contests) is active as 4U70VIC until the end of the year to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations. QSL via 4U1VIC.

African DX

Mozambique, C9. Beth, MW0VOW, and John, ZS5J, will be taking part in a DXpedition to Mozambique between 20 October and 3 November 2015. The call sign to be used will be C91B, active on all bands 160 to 6 metres using CW and SSB.

They have been given expedition status on Club Log with leader board facility. Logs will be uploaded daily, free of charge, to LoTW and Club Log. Rigs will be Flex radios and amplifiers will be the new Expert SPE 1.3K and a Yaesu FL-7000. Antennas will be loops, verticals, rotary dipoles, EFHW 80 – 10 by Myantennas and 2 element vertical beams.

Mali, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB is currently working in Bamako, Mali and expects to be there for several months in a year; he is active as TZ4AM. For the time being, look for him on 40 m CW, 20 m CW and SSB and 15 m CW and SSB in the 19:00 to 23:00 UTC period. He plans to have more power and more bands

in the future. QSLing arrangements are still to be decided.

Eritrea, E3. Zorro, JH1AJT will be active again as E30FB from Asmara, Eritrea from 16 to 22 October. This is a business trip, and he will be active in his spare time. Look for him on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres SSB. QSL via JH1AJT (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW.
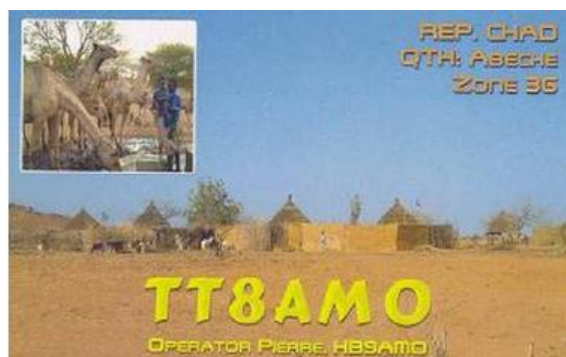
We hope Zorro's hearing has improved since the previous visit, maybe this time he will hear the ZS stations calling

The Gambia, C5. Luc, F5RAV, and Gerard, F5NVF, will be active as C5LT between 0 and 27 October. They will be active on 80 to 6 m on SSB, CW and PSK. They are going to leave a station for Mustapha, C5MF, and future amateurs to use. Luc is also going to take part in the SSB contest as C5C. QSL for C5C, C5LT, and C5MF via F5RAV (direct).

Morocco, CN. A multi-national team (OK1RI, OM6NM, OK1FFU, OK1DO, EA9LZ and W7EJ) joins the CQ WW contest as CN2R in the M/2 category. They will be active from 15 October onwards to test the setup. QSL via W7EJ. http://cn2r.net/cn2r/index.aspx

Uganda, 5X. Already used back in 2013 by the F6KOP team, the call sign 5X8C has been reissued to Anton, ON6NL, who is staying in Uganda with Doctors without Borders until the end of October. In his limited spare time, he operates CW and some SSB and digital modes mainly on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via ON6NL.

Chad, TT8. Pierre, HB9AMO, will once again be active as TT8AMO, but from various locations across Chad between mid-October and mid-November. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 metres on CW (80 and 160 m are possible). There may be some SSB during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, 24 and 25 October. The station is a 21 year old TS-50, a MFJ971 tuner and a long wire antenna. QSL via M0URX. The 2005 log has been uploaded on LoTW. The 2015 log will be uploaded to LoTW in December 2015. Direct and Bureau cards are via the Online QSL Request Service at http://www.m0urx.com/oqrs. Log online is available at http://www.hb9amo.net

Ceuta and Melilla, EA9. A team of seven German operators will be active as EA9/DK8YY from Melilla between 14 and 19 October. Operators mentioned are DG0OHD, DG5AA, DK8YY, DL1AOB, DL1AWD, DL5AOL and DL8ALU. Activity will be on 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also be in the Worked All Germany (WAG) Contest, 17 and 18 October. Bureau QSLs go to DK8YY and direct QSLs go only via DH7WW (new address: Ulrich Möckel, Schwarzwinkel 13, 08304 Schönheide, Germany).

Ceuta and Melilla, ED9. Members of the Ceuta Legion Contest Team will be active as ED9K during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, 24 and 25 October as a Multi-2 entry. Operators are Jose, EA7BJ, Jesus, EA7DTQ, Salvador, EA7FQB, Jorge, EA7HZ, Julio, EA7JB, David, EA7KI, Manolo, EA7LL, Jose, EA7LS, Cris, EA7RU, and Jose, EA9CD. QSL via EA7LS, only direct (NO BUREAU - NO IRCs).

Visit the ED9K Team's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/ed9kteam

Kenya, 5Z. Look for Manfred, DK1BT, Wolf, DL4WK, Sigi, DL7DF, Reiner, DL7KL and Frank, DL7UFR to be active from Kenya as 5Z4HW between 4 and 18 November. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 160 to 6 metres with two stations. QSL via DL7DF, direct or bureau and LoTW within six months after the DXpedition. OQRS and further information on www.dl7df.com.

Lesotho, 7P. Chris, MW6GOZ, will be active as 7P8GOZ from Lesotho sometime in December during the Christmas holiday. Activity will be on 40 and 20 metres using SSB. QSL via his home call sign or LoTW.

Senegal, 6W. Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, 80 km south of Dakar on the coast, between 3 and 31 January 2016. Activity will be holiday style using the same station as last time (IC-7100, BLA-350, into a G5RV antenna and inverted L for 160 m) operating mainly CW (some SSB and RTTY) on 160 to 6 metres. Look for his low band activity during his local sunrise and sunset. QSL via F6BLP, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. For more details, logs and pictures of his last operation, visit http://www.f6blp.org

African Islands

IOTA frequencies
CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Madeira CR3. Members of the Madeira Contest Team will be active as CR3A from Madeira Island (AF-014) during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, 24 and 25 October as a Multi-? entry. Operators mentioned are Tony, CT1FFU, Joe, CT3BD, Luis, CT3DL, Joe, CT3DZ, Luis, CT3EE, Duarte, CT3EN, Tiago, CT3KU, Jose, CT3KY, Jose, CT3NT, Jozef, OM3GI, and Stenfan, OM3RG. QSL via LoTW or EA5GL.

Pantelleria Island, IH9, AF-018. Gianfranco, IT9SPB, will be active as IH9A from Pantelleria Island (WW Loc JM56xt), African Italy, during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, 24 and 25 October, as a Single-Op/Single-Band (160 m) entry. QSL via LoTW. He states, "New Contest Location, after 1st World Place WPX SSB, I will attempt to be CQ WW All Time Score for Top Band – 4 Square Verticals, Delta Loop and low angles dipoles, plus 3 Beverage and Apex RX system. New flat area around sea level."

Madagascar, 5R. Once again, Eric, F6ICX will be active as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) from 1 November to 12 December. He will operate mainly CW, with some RTTY, BPSK and SSB on 40 to 10 metres. QSL via F6ICX, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Log search and OQRS on Club Log.

Canary Islands, ED8. An international contest team will be active as ED8X from Tenerife Island (IOTA AF-004) during the CQ WW DX CW Contest, 28 and 29 November as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are Alexey, RA1A, Vladimir, RW1A, Krassimir, K1LZ, Paul, K1XM, Charlotte, KQ1F, Velimir, K3JO, Andrey, LZ2HM, Choigonjav, JT1CO, Ionut, YO9WF, and Tiberiu, YO9GZU. QSL via LoTW or RN3RQ.

São Tomé and Principe, S9. Bruno, HB9BEI, says, "Hello, I am glad to announce my holiday-style DXPedition to São Tomé and Principe from 25 February to 24 March 2016, flights and accommodation are confirmed. The call sign will most probably be S9BK. The license is granted upon arrival on the island. Operations will be on 10 to 40 m using phone and digital modes only. I will keep you updated on the progress."

History this week

The week starting 12 October 2015

1810 – The first Oktoberfest is held in Munich to celebrate the wedding of Prince Ludwig 1 of Bayer
1890 – Dwight D Eisenhower was born
1899 – The first shoots are fired in the Second Anglo Boer War after Great Britain rejects the ultimatum from the Boer Republics
1899 – The siege of Kimberley starts (14 Oct)
1925 – Margaret Thatcher is born
1935 – Luciano Pavarotti is born
1938 – Author of Kringe in die Bos, Dalene Matthee is born
1939 – German submarine U-47 under command of Captain Gunter Prien slipped into Scapa Flow and sunk HMS Royal Oak.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 12 to 19 October 2015

NAQCC CW Sprint
00:30 - 02:30 UTC 14 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, NAQCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once
Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC October 18, 2015
Upload log at:
http://naqcc.info/sprintlog.html
Mail logs to: John Shannon, K3WWP, 478 E. High St., Kittanning, PA 16201, USA
Find rules at:
http://naqcc.info/sprint201510.html

Phone Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 14 October
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 16 October 2015
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 17 October 2015
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, CW
19:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 21 October 2015
Upload log at:
http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2015/rsprInternationalshtml

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 16 October
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 18 October 2015
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rttyns.html

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 October
Mode: (see rules)
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 18 October 2015
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rules.html

MCG Autumn Sprint
15:00 - 19:00 UTC 16 October
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op
Exchange: RS(T) and serial no
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 31 October 2015
E-mail logs to: ua3r@yandex.ru
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://mcg-club.ru/en/contests/autumn-sprInternationalhtml

JARTS WW RTTY Contest
00:00 UTC 17 October to 24:00 UTC 18 October
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Multi-Multi; SWL
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W
Exchange: RST and age of operator
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent
Multipliers: Each DXCC entity except JA/W/VE/VK once per band; Each JA/W/VE/VK call area once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 31 October 2015
E-mail logs to: log@jarts.jp
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://jarts.jp/rules2015.html

10-10 International Fall CW Contest
00:01 UTC 17 October to 23:59 UTC 18 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: Individual; Club; QRP
Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, province or country
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 2 November 2015
E-mail logs to: tentencontest@ten-ten.org
Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity/2013-07-22-20-26-48/qso-party-rules

New York QSO Party

14:00 UTC 17 October to 02:00 UTC 18 October

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; School - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - low; Mobile Single-Op - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile Multi - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rookie - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - low; Youth (<13 or 13 to 17) - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - low; YL - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - low

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: NY: RS(T) and county; non-NY: RS(T) and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; 3 points per Digital QSO

Multipliers: NY: Each NY county, US state, VE province/territory once; Non-NY: Each NY county once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 1 November 2015

E-mail logs to: logs@nyqp.org

Web-to-Cabrillo form: http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/nyqp_cab.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://nyqp.org/wordpress/wp-content/nyqp/2015/NY_QSO_Party_Rules_2015.pdf

Iowa QSO Party

14:00 UTC-23:00 UTC 17 October

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone

Bands: All, except WARC and 60 m

Classes: Single Op Fixed; Multi-Op Fixed; Single Op Mobile; Multi-Op Mobile; QRP

Max power: non-QRP: 125 Watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: IA: RS(T) and county; non-IA: RS(T) and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 100 bonus points for each QSO (up to 5) with BSA JOTA station

Multipliers: IA: Each IA county, state, province once; non-IA: Each IA county once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 15 November 2015

E-mail log summary to: W100A@outlook.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.wa0dx.org/IAQSO/

Stew Perry Top Band Challenge

15:00 UTC 17 October to 15:00 UTC 18 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Max operating hours: 14 hours

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 to 100 watts; QRP: <5 watts

Exchange: 4-Character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station

Multipliers: Low power: x 1,5; QRP: x 3

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power multiplier

Submit logs by: 2 November 2015

E-mail logs to: tbdc@contesting.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://www.kkn.net/stew/

Worked All Germany Contest

15:00 UTC 17 October to 14:59 UTC 18 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: (Please observe contest free band segments per the rules), 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op CW - low or high; Single Op Mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: DL, DARC-Member: RS(T) and DOK (local area code); DL, non-DARC: RS(T) and "NM"; non-DL: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: DL Station: 1 point per DL QSO, 3 points per EU QSO, 5 points per DX QSO; non-DL Station: 3 points per DL QSO
Multipliers: DL Station: Each DXCC entity once per band; non-DL Station: Each DL district once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 2 November 2015
E-mail logs to: wag@dxhf.darc.de
Upload log at:
http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag/logupload/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag/en/rules/

Telephone Pioneers QSO Party
17:00 - 21:00 UTC (CW/Digital) and 23:00 UTC 17 October to 03:00 UTC 18 October (Phone) and 17:00 - 21:00 UTC (Phone) and 23:00 UTC 18 October to 03:00 UTC 19 October (CW/Digital)
Mode: CW/Digital, Phone
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Members: RS(T), chapter no and name; non-Members: RS(T) and name
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Chapter numbers once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = (CW/Dig QSO points x CW/Dig mults) and (Ph QSO points x Ph mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 10 December 2015
E-mail logs to: n6tpjim@gmail.com
Mail logs to: Jim Muiter, 4233 Wooster Ave., San Mateo, CA, 94403, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.tpqso.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Announ2015-v15.pdf

South Dakota QSO Party
18:00 UTC 17 October to 18:00 UTC 18 October
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
Classes: Fixed; Rover
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP; 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: SD: RS(T) and county; non-SD: RS(T) and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band per mode per county
QSO Points: 1 points per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; 2 points per digital QSO; 100 bonus points for at least one QSO with N0EBC
Multipliers: SD: Each SD county, state, province, or country once only; non-SD: Each SD county once only
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults and bonus points
Submit logs by: 14 November 2015
E-mail logs to: sdqplogs@kb0wsw.com
Mail logs to: N0EBC, c/o Anthony Buss, 705 S Tanglewood Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.kb0wsw.com/SDQP/page_home.html

Feld Hell Sprint
20:00 - 21:59 UTC 17 October
Mode: Feld Hell
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 24 October 2015
Upload log at:
https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/spooky-sprint

Asia-Pacific Fall CW Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 18 October
Mode: CW

Bands: 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: AP: 150 W; non-AP: legal limit
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each prefix once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 25 October 2015
E-mail logs to: apsprint@jsfc.org
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt

Illinois QSO Party
17:00 UTC 18 October to 01:00 UTC 19 October
Mode: CW/digital, Phone
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
Classes: Fixed (High/Low); Mobile; Portable; Rover; Non-IL – high or low
Max power: HP: >200 watts; LP: 200 watts
Exchange: IL: RS(T) and county; non-IL: RS(T) and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band per mode per county
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO
Multipliers: IL Stations: Each IL county, state, VE province once; IL Stations: Each DXCC country (max of 5) once; non-IL Stations: Each IL county once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 18 November 2015
E-mail logs to: n9jf@arrl.net
Mail logs to: WIARC, PO Box 3132, Quincy IL 62305-3132, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202015%20Rules.pdf

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 19 October
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Band; All Band
Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, member no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 25 October 2015
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/autolog.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/

ARRL School Club Roundup
13:00 UTC 19 October to 23:59 UTC 23 October
Mode: CW/RTTY/Digital, Phone
Bands: All, except 60, 30, 17, 12 m
Classes: Single Op (I); Club/Multi-Op (C); School Club/Group (S)
Max operating hours: 24 hours total; 6 hours out of any 24-hour period with off times of at least 30 minutes
Exchange: RS(T), Class (I/C/S) and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/RTTY/digital QSO
Multipliers: States and VE provinces and DXCC countries and (2 x class C QSOs) and (5 x class S QSOs)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 7 November 2015
Post log summary at:
http://www.b4h.net/arrlscr/
Mail logs to: School Club Roundup, c/o LIMARC, PO Box 392, Levittown, NY 11756, USA
Find rules at:
http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup

Next Week's Contests

ARRL School Club Roundup, 13:00 UTC 19 October to 23:59 UTC 23 October

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 21 October

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 21 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 22 October

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 23 October

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 October

CQ Worldwide DX SSB Contest, 00:00 UTC 24 October to 24:00 UTC 25 October

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